

## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Cancel the Abstract, and substitute the following new Abstract:

“A reflexotherapy applicator having needles fixed in a flat elastic base. Each needle has a core, a sharpened portion, and a thickened portion. The thickened portions are fixed in the base so that the sharpened portions protrude from the base. One or more needle groups have a partially coated core. One or more needle groups have multilayer coatings of the core and sharpened portion. One or more needle groups differ from the other groups by their materials or by the coating materials, which have different electrochemical potentials. The needles and their coatings are made from steel, copper, chromium, nickel, silver, cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, strontium, tellurium or their alloys and oxides. The needles are placed on the base so that adjacent needles are made from materials with different electrochemical potentials and are designed to contact an user’s skin.”